



Build It! Vocabulary List

Here is a list of the words and concepts important to building a better world. Steve may introduce/reinforce a few of these in the course of the Build It! reading program. The words are presented in context and then defined which helps in creating a meaningful reason for the students to assimilate the information.

force - exerting pressure or influence over an object or substance.

friction - the act of a surface or an object rubbing against another object or surface.

machine - any device that applies or changes the direction of power, force, or motion.

tool - an instrument of work.

Caldecott Medal - is an award given to the artist with the most distinguished American picture book for children

chapter book – is a story book intended for intermediate readers, unlike a picture book, a chapter book tell the story primarily through words, rather than pictures

Newbery Medal – is a literary award given to the author for their great writing.

enigma - A baffling problem.

feasible - Something that can be accomplished without difficulty.

inspiration - An influence that encourages effort to do well.

artisan - A worker who is skilled in a specific trade.

newfangled - Something that's just come into fashion.

patent - A grant by the government to make, use, or sell a new invention.

phenomenon - Something observable such as a fact or event that defies norms.

recipe - A plan or set of directions used for making or preparing something, especially food.

serendipity - Making discoveries by accident that are good.

reduce - use less of something and not waste it

reuse - use items over and over again

recycle - using materials from old items to make something new

genuine listening - using our ears, eyes, and heart to listen with the intent to understand

synergy - working together to achieve more